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As a cross country Truck Driver, I Purchased the XM Satellite system 2 years ago, as it was almost impossible to find and hold a radio station for more that 45 minutes or so at a time and i kept taking my eyes off of the road and traffic to change channels all the time, creating a unsafe position by not paying 110% of my attention on the motoring public. Since I have had the XM system I now listen to a station for serveral hours before changing to another, and with the 18 presets, I don't have to take my eyes off the road to do it. I never know what stations in the major metropolition areas have the traffic and weather reports, and it would not be safe to try and spend the time searching for them while driving. The XM traffic and weather updates have helped me several times including tonite (6/2) when they were giving a traffic update of an overturned vehicle on my route that I was able to route around safely and not be delayed(I might add that this was after 6:30pm in Dallas when the major am/fm stations have already stopped giving their reports) which with the new DOT hours of service allowed me to keep on my schedule and remain legal. I freely PAY for this service and I feel that it is kind of like the cable and satellite TV service, not everybody wants it, but it is available for those of us that us it in our jobs everyday. Thank You Thomas Foster